



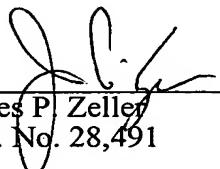
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Conrad et al.)
U.S. Serial No. 10/748,084)
Filed: December 30, 2003)
For: METAL OXIDE POWDERS)
AND METAL OXIDE-BINDER)
COMPONENTS WITH BIMODAL)
PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTIONS,)
CERAMICS MADE THEREFROM,)
METHOD OF PRODUCING)
BIMODAL METAL OXIDE)
POWDERS, METHOD FOR)
PRODUCING CERAMICS, AND)
DENTAL CERAMIC PRODUCTS)
Group Art Unit: 1755)
Examiner: David R. Sample)

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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

the amendment to the specification section begins on page 2 of this paper;

the remarks section begins on page 3 of this paper.